of Rural Health and Family Welfare, Ambathurai which serves as central institute for the Southern States was initially started as Pilot Health Project with grant of Rs. 2,05,000 from 1959 to 1964;

(b) whether the Union Government initiated to set up the Institute after the Pilot Health Project with 100 per cent grant from 1964; and

(c) on what basis the institute was registered under the Societies Act in October 1969 after 10 years of Government establishment and now calling it as "Voluntary Organisation" and subsequently as "Trust"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The Gandhigram Institute was started as Pilot Health Project by the Gandhigram Society in 1959 with an initial grant of US $ 2,05,500 from Ford Foundation. It serves as Central Institute for the Southern States and this is one amongst the many functions carried out by the Gandhigram Institute.

(b) Gandhigram Society initiated the conversion of Pilot Health Project to the Institute with a grant of US $ 4,65,000 from Ford Foundation. Gandhigram Institute enjoys the status of Voluntary Organisation and as such is receiving grant from this Ministry through the Government of Tamil Nadu for running the Centrally Sponsored Training Courses as per approved pattern of assistance.

(c) Even after conversion into an Institute, this Institution formed part of Gandhigram Society for receipt of grants-in-aid under Family Planning, Gandhigram Institute was registered as a separate Society under Societies Registration Act, in October, 1969. Gandhigram Institute was never part of the Government and has been continuing to remain as a Non-Governmental Voluntary Organisation. In 1980, Gandhigram Institute was converted as a Trust to give permanency and protection to movable and immovable properties of the Institute.

Proposal for setting up Oil Refinery at Paradeep Port in Orissa

1990. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation, has submitted a proposal for setting up an Oil Refinery at Paradeep Port in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Indian Oil Corporation Limited has submitted a proposal for setting up a 6 million tonnes per annum grass-root refinery on the East Coast of India.

(b) and (c) The above proposal is at preliminary stage of consideration and a decision on this including its location would be taken only after finalisation of the refinery projects for the Eighth Plan period

Purchase of compressors and other components by Maruti Udyog Limited

1991. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the companies, namely, Subros Limited, RR Holdings, Deeksha Holdings, Jyotsna Holdings, Delhi Automobiles or General Finances has supplied compressors or any other parts to Maruti Udyog Limited;

(b) if so, what are the details of the purchases made by M/s. Maruti Udyog Limited from each of these companies;

(c) what procedure was followed in making purchases from these companies;

(d) whether any irregularities have since been unearthed by the Vigilance Division of the company or by any other Government agencies; if so, the details thereof and whether any enquiry has been ordered; and

(e) what are the details of the action initiated against the officials involved?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) purchased 16,290 air-conditioners for the maruti car and 400 air-conditioners for the Gypsy during 1989-90 from M/s. Subros Limited, who are MUL's vendor. The other companies do not supply anything to MUL.

(c) Based on the Maruti Udyog Limited's production requirements, purchase orders are placed on the vendor. Prices are negotiated on yearly basis.

(d) No irregularity has come to notice so far.

(e) Does not arise.

Reopening of Rohtas Industries Ltd. Dalmianagar in Bihar

1992. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court of India had directed Government, *inter-alia*, to arrange reopening of the closed units of Rohtas Industries Ltd. Dalmianagar (Bihar);

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon so far;

(c) whether any interim relief has been provided to the workers of these units by Government since their closure; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court of India on 24.10.1989 gave certain directions to the State Government of Bihar and the Central Government for reopening the three units namely, Cement, Asbestos and Vanaspati of the Rohtas Industries Limited. In compliance with the Supreme Court Order dated 24.10.1989, the Central Government has released Advance Plan Assistance of Rs. 20 crores to the State Government for acquisition of the assets and pre-operative expenses. The basic responsibility for reviving and managing the unit rests with the State Government who have been directed by the Court to take necessary actions.

(c) and (d) The Rehabilitation Commissioner for Rohtas Industries Limited has informed the Supreme Court that he has started disbursing some amounts to the factory workers.

Reduction in the Customs duty on Pesticides, Weedicides and insecticides.

1993. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 676 given in the Rajya Sahba on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of Pesticides, Weedicides, Insecticides and the intermediates on which Customs duty was altered during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the earlier rate of duty and what was the revised rate of duty and the date from which it has become effective;

(c) what are the details of proposals for reduction of customs duty on such commodities which are still pending with his Ministry and since when: and